ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Zaptist Association,

HELD WITH

Adaniram Baptist Church, Henry County, Ala., SEPT. 30th, OCT. 1st and 2d, 1881.

OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER, Moderator, Abbeville. D. Rogers, Clerk, Shorterville Jno. T. Davis, Treasurer, Columbia.



MINUTES.

The Judson Association met in its Thirty-First Session, with,

Adaniram Church, Sept. 30th, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by D Rogers, upon Mat. 28; 18, 19, and 20. "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Services closed by Eld. A P Ashurst, of Columbia.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order by J W Foster, former Moderator. Singing and prayer by Eld. Wm. Brunar.

Letters from the Churches were called for, and read by Brethren, Jno T Davis and B G Farmer, and the following delegates names were enrolled:—

Abbeville—A L Martin, M B Green, W W Nobles. Adaniram—G T Roberts, J S Barnett, J T Boon,

Bethel-D Rogers, M E Smith.

Beulah—D E Burdeshaw, J W Peacock, Jno Boyed. Bethlehem—S J Knowles, David Lock, T L Granberry.

Bluff Springs-Not represented.

Columbia-A P Ashurst, Jno T Davis, W P McGriff.

Concord-F M Kirkland.

Christian Grove—R B Lee, Jesse Braswell.

Ebenezar—W S Weaks. Fellowship—D Whidden.

Gordon-Not represented.

Hebron-J L Granberry, A J Armstrong.

Harmony—J R Granger. Judson—W H Williams.

Liberty-L Parish, F Jordan.

Mt. Pleasant-(D) Aris Armstrong, T R Atwell.

Mt. Pleasant—(B) J W Malone, S J Belcher, A L Ray.

Mt. Ariel-Seth Brigham.

New Hope-W Y Fleming, B Metton, A M Herendon.

Oaky Grove-Henry Willis.

Pilgrim's Rest—T S Stapleton, D Williams.

Pleasant Hill—Jno Burkitt, V Burkitt.

Pleasant Plains—L Kirkling, W. H Granberry, S Kirkling. Pleasant Grove—Jno H Spivey, E. Roach, M V Capps, W

A McClendon, Armstead Armstrong, S M Singleterry.

Shorterville—L R Sims, H G Peterman, F M Bunker, B G Farmer,

Smyrna—T J Dawley, A Daughty.

Sardis-D P Sowell, Jno J Ward.

Tolbert-Jackson Shelly, Jackson Hodges.

Walnut Grove-Thomas Robinson, Joseph Blacksher, T T. Smith, A B Fowler.

Camp Springs-Not represented.

J W Foster was elected Moderator, and D Rogers Clerk.

1. Called for petionary letters, and received letters from Center and Selma Churches, which were on motion received as members of this body and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Center Church.—Samuel Spivey, John Roney.

Selma.—Sylvester Martin, Jr., J H Lysemby.

2. Called for correspondence, and received, from the:— Bethel Association Ga.—Eld. W M Howel, Eld. J S Parker, and Bro. W M Speight.

3. Returned Correspondance, to the--

Newton Association - J W Malone, A L Martin, S J Knowles, J W Foster,

Eufaula Association-D Rogers, A L Martin, R B Lee,

Jesse Braswell, S J Belcher.

West Florida Association—A L Martin, A P Ashurst, L R Sims, Jno T Davis, T S Stapleton, A B Fowler, D Williams, S J Knowls, D Whidden, T T Smith, Jno R Granger.

4. Appointed Committees, as follows:—

ON PREACHING,—G T Roberts, J S Barnett, J T Boon, Jno H Spivey, M B Green.

ON FINANCE. - W H Williams, E Roach, S J Belcher.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.—Jno T Davis, A McAllister, B G Farmer.

ON NOMINATIONS W W Nobles, G T Roberts, T T Smith, ON DOCUMENTS.—A Armstrong, Thos Robinson, A J Armstrong.

5. Called for Report of Executive Committee, which was read by Bro. Jno T Davis, and on motion of Bro Sims, ten

o'clock a. m. Saturday was set for its adoption.

6 On motion of D Rogers, the Moderator was instructed to appoint Standing Committees on State Mission, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Education, Sabbath Schools, and Temperance.

7 On motion of B J Farmer, 2 o'clock Saturday was set for

hearing report on Missions.

8 Committee on preaching reported preaching in the church house to-night by Bro. S J Knowls and at the stand Saturday 11 o'clock by Bro. W M Howel of Ga., Bro. Bruner preached at the stand at 4 o'clock followed by Bro. E Daurty.

9 On motio of Bro. Jno T Davis, The Sabbath School Con-

vention meets in this house Sabbath 9 Oct. a. m.

10 On motion of Bro. T T Smith, the order of business of 1879 was adopted, Adjourned. Benediction by Bro. J W Malone.

Adaniram, Saturday 9 o'clock A. M. Oct 1st, 1881

J W Foster in the chair. Singing and prayer by Bro. D Whidden.

1. Read and adopted minutes of yesterday.

2. Read and adopted the following:-

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee find nothing in the lists to report to your body, except two petitions, for the next session of this association, one from Bethlehem and one from Judson Church.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Armstrong,
Thos. Robinson,
A. J. Armstrong.

3. Moved and adopted that the next session of this Association, meet with Bethlehem Church, on the Franklin and Newton road 16 miles from the latter place, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October 1882.

4. The report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. J T Davis, and pending its adoption, Bro. Sims, Davis and Malone, addressed the body. The report was adopted as below.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The work of providing missionaries for such part or parts of the Association, which might be destitute of regular Pastors, or other ministerial supplies, was turned over by the last meeting of this body to the Executive Committee, and we submit this as the result of our labors, At a meeting of our Committee, held with Columbia Church, it was decided to employ Bro. D Rogers for one fourth of his time in the upper part of the Association, and Bro. J C Skipper in the lower part.

We contracted with the said Brethren to pay them twelve and one-half doltars for one-fourth of their time in each month, and the contract to run until the Association. The reports of both Brethren are very satisfactory, and especially so is the report rendered by Bro. Rogers. Bro. Rogers reports 53 days service under his contract, and Bro. Skipper reports 56 days service under his contract. We reccommend the Treasurer be instructed to pay Bro. Rogers \$88.33 less the amount already advanced on said contract, and to pay Bro. Skipper \$93.33 less the amount already advanced him on contract.

We further reccommend that these brethren be continued in the same fields during the next associational year for such part of their time as your body may see proper to suggest.

> JNO. T DAVIS, T T SMITH, A B FOWLER, A J ARMTTRONG.

5. On motion of Bro. T T Stapleton, the employing of Missionaries in our Association, for next year, was referred to the Executive Committee.

6. Order of Business

Was read by Bro. A P Ashurst, and ordered to be published in these minutes.

7. Called for report on Sabbath Schools, said report had not

been prepared.

8. Bro. Davis read the Treasurers Report, which was adopted as follows:—

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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1880. Jno. T Davis, Treasurrer, in act. with Judson Baptist Association
Sept, 30. To cash on hand from last report
Oct, 2, " received for Minutes
" " Pledges104 55
" " Aged and Infirm Ministers 1 00
" "Indian Missions 1 00
" Bro. Jordan 25 95
" " on Pledges for Evangelist309 55
" " from Sabbath Collection
" " Christian Grove Church 1 00 \$714 90
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1880. Oct. 2. By cash paid Clerk\$ 30 00
expenses on minutes 2 00
" W M Howell Evangelist309 55
" Bro. Bailey by Bethel Church, 1 00
" " Bro. Jordan by Pilgrims Rest Church 6 70
" " Bro. Bowden for Bro. Jordan 19 25
" Bro. D Rogers for Mission work 10 00
1881 " " Bro. Bruner 5 00
April, 4. " D Rogers on contract Mission w. 25 00
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9. Bro. Jno T Davis, tendered his resignation as Treasurer, and on motion of Bro. A P Ashurst was continued in said office.

10, Adopted the following.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS;

We the Committee on nominations beg to make the following report.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. A P Ashurst.

Alternate, Bro. J C Skipper. To write Circular letter, Bro. S J Knowles.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.—Robert Espy J W Foster, A P Ashurst, A L Martin, D Rogers, T S Smith, J.H Spivey, W C Gissindaner, A J Armstrong, A McAllister.

T T SMITH, G T ROBERTS, W W NOBLES, REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

It is our painful duty to report the death of our beloved Brother and Minister, Bro. J Tyler, also the death of Bro. Ray, and Bro. W H Mercer. Bro, Ray, was Deacon of Mt. Pleasant Church, and Bro. Mercer, of Pilgrim's Rest Church.

These were all good and true Brethren, and those who knew them best, feel most keenly the loss of those Brethren; not only in their respective hurches but within the bounds of the Association at large.

Let it be our daily prayer Brethren and Sisters, that we too

may be prepared to meet our Lord at his coming.

J T Davis. A McALLISTER, B G FARMER.

11. The Circular Letter was read by Bro. J W Foster, and

adopted. (It was not received by Clerk.)

12. On motion of D Rogers, Bro. Jno. T Davis was appointed to furnish the Historical Committee of the Baptist State Convention, with a sketch of the lives and labors of the ministers and active leading members of this Association, which may be worthy of record

13. The Brethren of the Executive Committee tendered their resignations, which were accepted, and on motion of Bro. L R

Sims the following were elected by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

A McAllister, M B Green, A F Stanton, W P McGriff, T S Stapleton.

14, On motion of Bro. Sims, Bro, Jno. T Davis was added to

the above Committee,

15. The body returned thanks to the former Executive Committee for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of their office.

16. On motion of Brother T S Stapleton, amended by Bro. J W Malone, it was ordered that the funds in the treasury for aged and infirm ministers be given to Brethren Sims, and Herendon, who have been afflicted most of the past Associational year-The collections of Sunday were given the above Brethren.

18. Bro. Malone mentioned the case of Sister Tyler widow of Eld. J Tyler, deceased, and on motion of D Rogers, a collection,

was taken for her amounting to \$13,50

18—Bro. J W Malone reported volunteer mission work which he had done last year. He wanted the pay given to Sister Tyler. It was moved, That \$12 50, be paid for said mission work.

19—On motion of Bro. J T Davis, the unpaid pledges of last

year, are continued in these minutes.

20-The committee on Preaching roported Bro. J S Parke, of Ga., to preach at the stand, this evening at 2 o'clock. And Bro. J C Skipper, to preach in this house to-night.

Adjourned—Benediction by Bro. D. Whidden.

2 o'clock, P M-J W Foster in the chair.

Prayer by Bro. W M. Howel.

1st—Moved by Bro. Ino. T. Davis, That "A committee of Sisters be appointed, (one in each church,) to aid the Central Committee of the Baptist State Convention." Motion adopted. and the following Committee Appointed.

Abbeviile -- Sister Lizzie Green.

Columbia-Sisters Davis and Ogleshy.

Christian Grove-Sister R B Lee.

Centre-Sister Julia Kirkland.

Bethel-Sister P J Price.

Bethlehem-Sister M. Hardwick.

Beulah—Sister J Adams.

Fellowship-Sister Eliza Wiggens.

Judson-Sister W H Williams.

Mt. Pleasant, (Barbour)-Sister Dora Espy.

Pilgrim's Rest-Sister D. Williams.

Pleasant Plains-Sister W H Granberry.

Pleasant Grove-Sister L J Reynolds.

Mt. Ariel--Sister Wm. Journigan.

Gordon-Sister S. Bowden.

Shorterville--Sister A McAlister.

Walnut Grove-Sister M M Robinson.

[Note. The clerk has recoded all the names given him He hopes that the Sisters in All the Churches will take up small collections REGULARLY for their suffering Sisters in China, and elsewhere.]

2nd-The committee on Preaching reported-Brother A. P.

Ashurst to preach at the stand, at 11 o'clock, Sabbath.

3rd-Called for the report on Missions, which was read by Bro. L R Sims, and pending its adoption, the body was addressed by Brethren W M Howel, A. P Ashurst, and L R Sims. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Saviour makes it the duty of his Churches to give the Gospel to all the world.

1st. Because of Universal Brotherhood. He has made of

one, all nations to dwell on all the face of the earth.

2nd. Fidelity. The Gospel is committed to God's people as stewards of the manifold grace of God. And is to be wisely

and faithfully used by them.

3rd. But mainly because Christ commands it—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and this is based on the supreme authority of Christ. He reminds his disciples that all power is given unto him, in Heaven and earth, and then says: "Go teach all nations baptizing them into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," &c. To refuse to obey this command is treason against the Divine government. The highest reward is promise to those who obey this command.

And "lo, I am with you alway to the end of the world." The duty is to the end, as the promised presence is to the end. The success of the work is rendered sure by the presence of the great head of the Church.

In obedience to this command, our brethren have, since our Saviour gave it, been trying in some way, to send the Gospel to all nations. In the first part of this age, they went eves rywhere "preaching the word." And until the end of time will they continue to go forth with the blessed news of Salvation through a crucified Redeemer. To show their labors have not been in vain, it is only necessary to glance at our Missionary operations. Eighty years ago, there was in all heathen lands, only about fifty thousand professed Christians. Now there are, one million, six hundred and fifty thousand. Take Africa, including Madagascar, and there are 386 native pastors, 156 Evangelists, besides a large number of preachers without charge, 784 schools, 48,794 pupils, of whom 20,000 can read,

166,000 who profess Christianity.

For a number of years the cause of Christ seemed to prosper more abroad than at home. One of our brethren, a returned missionary has recently published the following facts: "The Baptist denomination in the United States, increased in the last 10 years at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. In foreign lands at a rate of 16 per cent. per annum. This seems to signify that the Lord meant for us to labor more in foreign fields. But the field is white to harvost every where. Whatsoever we find for our hands to do, let us do it with our might. The day is far advanced, the night is near, let us work while it is day. Let us consecrate ourselves and all we have anew to Christ, that we may honor him with our substance. And when we return, come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. "Go work," my brethern,

"Go Work."

Respectfully submitted;

L. R. Sims, Chairman.

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4th, Upon the adoption of the above report, pledges for State Missions were taken as follows:

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Abbeville,\$20.00	Shorterville,\$20.00							
Columbia, 20.00	Walnut Grove,5,00							
Ebenezar,1.00	Mt. Pleasant, Dale2,00							
D. Whidden,1.00	E. D. Whidden,							
Hebron,	Eeulah,5,00							
Harmony,	Concord,4,00							
Pleasant Grove,20.00	W. H. Williams,5,00							
Sardis,1.00	T. J. Dawsey, cash1,00							
David Lock,1,00	Pledged last year.							
W. M. Bruner,1.00	S. Bowden							
Levi Kirkland, cash1.00	R. H. Walker,5,00							
D. Rogers,1.00	W. C. Gissendaner,10,00							
Huldah Rogers, 50	Jno. H. Davis,5,00							
Clara Rogers, 50	J. W. Holland,1,00							
Clara Rogers, 50 Julia Rogers 50	Mrs. W. C. Oats							
	Miss Ada Fowler,1,00							
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	F. B. Espy,							
	Miss Dora Espy1,00							
	A. B. Fowler,2,50							
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All of which is Respectfully submitted,
S. J. Belcher,
Edmon Roach,
W. H. Williams, Committee.

7th, The following resolution offered by Bro. J. W. Malone, was adopted: Resolved, That the Clerk have 1000 copies of the minutes published, and he be paid \$30,00 for his services.

8th, Bro. A. P. Ashurst offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved, That we heartily express our sincere thanks to the Church, and the citizens of this community for their hospitality to us during our star with them.

pitality to us during our stay with them.

Adjourned, to meet at 11 o'clock Sabbath.

Prayer by Bro. A. L. Martin.

SABBATH EXERCISES

At 9 o'clock a. m., The Sabbath School Convention was called to order by the Chairman Jno. T Davis.

Minutes of last sessions were read by the Secretary -B G

Farmer, and adopted.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Brethren B G Far-

mer, A L Martin, and others.

It was resolved that the Sabbath Schools be requested to furnish sufficient amount of funds to have the minutes of the Sabbath School Convention published in connection with the minutes of the Association.

At 11 o'clock Bro. J S Parker of Ga., preached in the house and at the same hour Bro. A P Ashurst preached the Annual Missionary Sermon at the stand, and was followed by Bro. A L Martin. Many who had been made glad, on last Friday by meeting each other to work a few days together for the Lord—now wept as they took the parting hand. Prayer by D. Rogers.

J W FOSTER—Moderator

DAVID ROGERS,-Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. L. MARTIN, Abbeville, D. WHIDDON, "

WM. BRUNAR, Columbia,

A. P. Asherst, "

R. C. KIRKLAND, "

ARIS ARMSTRONG, Newton,

L. R. Sims, Shorterville,

D. Rogers,

M. Brackin, Brackin, J. C. Skipper, Headland,

S. J. KNOWLES,

J. W. MALONE, Hilliardsvile.

D. HERNDON, Shorterville.

LICENTIATES.

D. E. Burdeshaw, Headland, E. Z. Hatton, Gordon,

J. A. CAMPBELL, " J. DUCKER,

R. B. Lee, Kings,
A. Daughty, Columbia,
F. Jordon, Gordon,
W. Whitaker, Gordon,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

A. McAllister, Shorterville, T. S. Stapleton, Gordon,

W. P. McGriff, Columbia,

Treasurer,

M. B. GREEN, Abbeville, A. F. STANTON, Columbia, JNO. T. DAVIS, Columbia,

JNO. T. DAVIS,

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—D. Rogers, W. C. Gissendaner, W. H. Williams. Foreign Missions—A. P. Ashurst, Jno. T. Davis, W. P. McGriff. State Missons—M. B. Green, L. R. Sims, B. G. Farmer. Sabbath Schools—A. J. Farmer, J. B. Ward, M. V. Capps. Education—A. L. Martin, J. V. Malone, S. J. Knowles. Temperance—S. J. Knowles, A. McAlister, Wm. Brunar.

CHURCH DIRECTORY,

Churches.	Pastors.	CLERKS.
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Abbeville.	L R Sims, Shorterville.	J W Foster, Abbeville.
Adaniram,	J Malone, Hilliardville	J Barnett, Hardwicks.
Bethel.	D Whidden, Abbeville.	
Beulah	R Deal, Echo.	G W'Harris, Headland.
Bethlehem.	J C Skipper, Headland.	A S Hollon, Headland.
Bluff Springs.		E E Meadows, Gordon.
Camp Springs.	Not represented.	J A Coe, Columbia.
Concord.	No Pastor.	W J Kirkland, Brackin.
Christian Grove.		G B James, King's.
Columbia.		W Williams, Columbia.
Center.	S Knowles, Headland.	
Ebenezar.		W C King, Columbia.
Fellowship.	R Deal, Echo.	H Wiggins, Abbeville.
Gordon.	No Pastor.	S Bowdon, Gordon.
Hebron.	J Skipper, Headland.	C Granbery, Columbia.
Harmony.	B Skipper, Taylor.	W D Phillips, Gordon.
Judson.		W Williams, Ft. Ganes.
Liberty.	W Bruner, Columbia.	
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